



MEDIA RELEASE

Tucson Fire Department

Fire Chief Dan Newburn



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Ward 2 - Duplex Fire – 3000 Block of E. Water Street

Wednesday March 19, 2008

Dispatch Time: 1335
On Scene Time: 1338
Under Control: 1345

Several 911 calls were received for a fence on fire. Prior to our arrival, a neighbor forced entry and rescued a dog from the inside of the residence. The neighbor was unable to locate the 2nd dog due to the rapidly spreading fire.

Units arrived on scene to find this duplex and a nearby fence on fire. The fence was electrified by a downed power line, so extra precautions were taken. 8 units, and 21 firefighters, extinguished the fire in 7 minutes. There were no injuries reported. There was a second dog that did not survive and was found later inside the residence by fire cause investigators.

Investigators stated that the fire started in the area of the fence and spread to the home. The cause was accidental. This was a total loss with estimated damage of \$150,000. There was no need for Red Cross.

Safety Message: If you see a downed power line, do not go near it. Call 911. At this incident there was a power line that was damaged from the fire and was resting on a chain link fence. Going near the chain link fence, or anything in contact with that fence, could result in severe injury and/or death.

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